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The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 2-4 and 6-11 (renumbered as 2, 1 and 3-9, respectively) in the subject application by the Examiner. The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that claims 2-4 and 6-11 (renumbered as 2, 1 and 3-9, respectively) are patentable over the references in the record.

However, the Applicant expressly traverses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any statement is intended to or has the intended effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended to or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated. The Applicant specifically does not acquiesce or agree in any manner as to any assertion in Examiner's statements that may be interpreted to narrow the claims to less than their recited scope.

Applicant further traverses the reasons for allowance inasmuch as these tend toward interpretation of any cited art, particularly Dieudonne, et al., US Patent No.5,521,915 (hereafter "Dieudonne"). In this regard, Applicant does not acquiesce in nor necessarily agree with the interpretation of Dieudonne as set forth in the Reasons for

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